

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-10, 13, 16-18, 20 and 23 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 13, 16 and 23 are amended. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

Examiner Interview

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,872,938 to Williams (hereinafter “Williams”) in view of the Examiner’s assertion of the Applicant’s Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter “Assertion”). On June 12, 2007 the undersigned Attorney and the above-referenced Examiner discussed the rejection over the telephone.

During the interview, Applicant’s attorney submitted differences between Williams and the claimed subject matter, including that Williams does not disclose a run queue. For at least this reason Applicant submits that the Office has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness for the pending claims.

Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant’s attorney proposed to amend each of the independent to further clarify features of Applicant’s invention. Applicant’s attorney understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the proposed amendment overcame the outstanding rejections based on Williams and the Assertion, the amendments having support at FIG. 11 and the corresponding

discussion in the subject Application. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicated that he would need to update his search, and requested that the proposed amendments be presented in writing.

Conclusion

The Application is in a condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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